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In the Specification:

Fig. 1 shows NOx conversion of the reaction gas for a catalytic converter operated in λ -alternating operation, using an exemplary Pt/Rh/ZrO2 catalytic converter with 1.5 wt.% Pt and 0.5 wt.% Rh on microporous zinc zirconium oxide, as a function of the temperature (measured in advance of the catalytic The catalytic converter was operated alternatingly converter). 90 seconds lean and 4 seconds rich using synthetic exhaust gas. Simultaneously thereto a temperature program from 100°C to 500°C was carried out with a temperature ramp of 2°C/min. difference between the amount of nitrogen oxide supplied to the catalytic converter and the amount exiting from the catalytic possible to determine an integral NOx converter, it was conversion per lean-rich cycle carried out.